

HENRY L. SNOW.

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Mr. WOOMER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4912.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4912) entitled "A bill to remove the charge of desertion against Henry L. Snow, beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass:

This is a bill enacting that the charge of desertion standing on the record against Henry L. Snow, late a private in Company A, Second Connecticut Volunteers, and also late a private in Company M, Ninth New York Cavalry, be removed and an honorable discharge be issued to him. This soldier enlisted in one of the first Connecticut organizations and creditably served his term of three months' enlistment and was honorably discharged when his organization, Company A, Second Connecticut Volunteers, was mustered out of service. Shortly after his first discharge he enlisted in Company M, Ninth New York Cavalry, for a term of three years and reenlisted as a veteran in the same command on December 20, 1863. Upon his reenlistment he was given a three months' furlough and went to his home in Connecticut.

Up to this time he had been, in all, about two years and a half in service, and his record was honorable in every way. Shortly after he reached home on the furlough he suffered a shock of paralysis, which was followed by a second shock, and he was prostrated at the expiration of his furlough. His paralysis continued to confine him to his bed until many months after the expiration of his furlough, and he never recovered from the attacks sufficiently to care for himself, to do manual labor, or to be repossessed fully of his mental faculties. At the expiration of his furlough his life was spared of, and his family did not realize the necessity of reporting the case to the provost-marshal of Connecticut or to the soldier's command. He was accordingly placed on record as a deserter. All the above facts are evidenced by affidavits from reliable residents of Norwich, Conn., where the soldier lives with his wife and is supported by his wife's labor and by charity. It is further in evidence that the soldier has been subject, up to the present time, to epileptic fits, which make his constant care necessary.

